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1. Polish coastal waters are controlled, both in principle and practice, for a distance of only three sea miles from the shore. Exceptions to this rule are made in the event of the pursuit of a fugitive vessel, but this is now a comparatively rare occurrence.
2. The control is directed principally against small vessels such as trawlers, cutters, motorboats, etc. The forces carrying out this function are made up of units afloat of the U.O.P. (Frontier Guard Troops).
3. The men performing the control duties board the vessel in question, generally following a standard procedure. All personal documents of the crew members are scrutinized closely, while the vessel's papers are examined with varying degrees of attention, depending on the point of departure of the vessel. The same factor determines the care with which the entire ship - including supplies, berthing and storage spaces, as well as personal baggage - is searched. The objects of these searches are weapons, ammunition, written propaganda against communism and the Soviet Union, intelligence agents, radio equipment, etc. The explicit instructions to the men of the U.O.P. include promises of rewards and promotions for the display of zeal in carrying out these duties, and for the discovery of such illegal items.
4. In the event there is something suspicious about the vessel which is being checked, it and its crew are taken to the nearest harbor for further examination by the U.B. As a rule merchant vessels are not subjected to this control, unless there are previous grounds for suspicion, or unless the vessel performs unusual maneuvers.
5. The fleet used by the U.O.P. to carry out these control duties consists of the following vessels:

| Type and Name | Length | Speed | Arm. | Crew | Remarks |
|---------------|--------|---------|-------|----------------|--------------------|
| <u>Tugs</u> | | | | | |
| HAL POLORSKI | 28 m. | 14 kts. | 3 mg. | 6 Navy, 16 UOP | Nowy Port |
| LEWID | 28 m. | 14 kts. | 3 mg. | 6 Navy, 16 UOP | Based in Gdynia |
| WIEDZIEDZ | | | | | Undergoing con- |
| COOK | | | | | version to control |
| | | | | | ships |

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Fast motorboats

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|-------------|---------|-------|--------|------------------|
| 7 LISTOPADA | 20 kts. | 2 mg. | 13 WOP | Gdynia |
| ALDONA | | | | Overhaul, Gdynia |

Patrol boats

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|----------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|----------------|
| DZIERZYNSKI | - | 14 kts. | 2 mg. | 12 WOP | Gdynia |
| BOTWIN | 16 m. | - | 1 mg. | 11 WOP | Gdynia |
| GORENIK | 16 m. | - | 1 mg. | 11 WOP | Gdynia |
| KWIEŃSKI | - | 5 kts. | 1 mg. | 9 WOP | Newy Port |
| RUTKOWSKI | - | 5 kts. | 1 mg. | 9 WOP | Darlowo |
| KORUNA PARYSKA | - | - | - | - | Gdynia |
| MAKSYMOW | 10 m. | 14 kts. | 1 mg. | 8 WOP | Gdynia |
| STAROWKA | 10 m. | 14 kts. | 1 mg. | - | Gdynia |
| GDY-29 | 16 m. | 12 kts. | - | - | Repair, Gdynia |
| GDY-31 | 16 m. | 12 kts. | - | - | Repair, Gdynia |

Motor boats

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|-------------|---|---------|-----------|-------|----------------|
| MURANOW |) | | | | |
| PRAGA |) | | | | |
| OCHOTA |) | | | | |
| VOJA |) | 7-10 m. | 8-14 kts. | 1 mg. | 7-13 |
| SLAWA |) | | | | Various Polish |
| M-1 through |) | | | | ports |
| M-10 |) | | | | |

6. All the units described above belong to the 4th Brigade of the WOP, which is responsible for control of Polish coastal waters from Braniewo (Braunsberg), east of Gdansk, to Swinoujscie (Swinemünde) and has its headquarters at Gdansk. At Koszalin (Köslin) is the headquarters for the 12th WOP Brigade, which is charged with control of the coast in the Ustka-Swinoujscie area. The 3rd WOP Brigade at Szczecin exercises control in the Zatoka Szczecińska (Gulf of Stettin), and Szczecin itself. It has only a few motor boats at its disposal.

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